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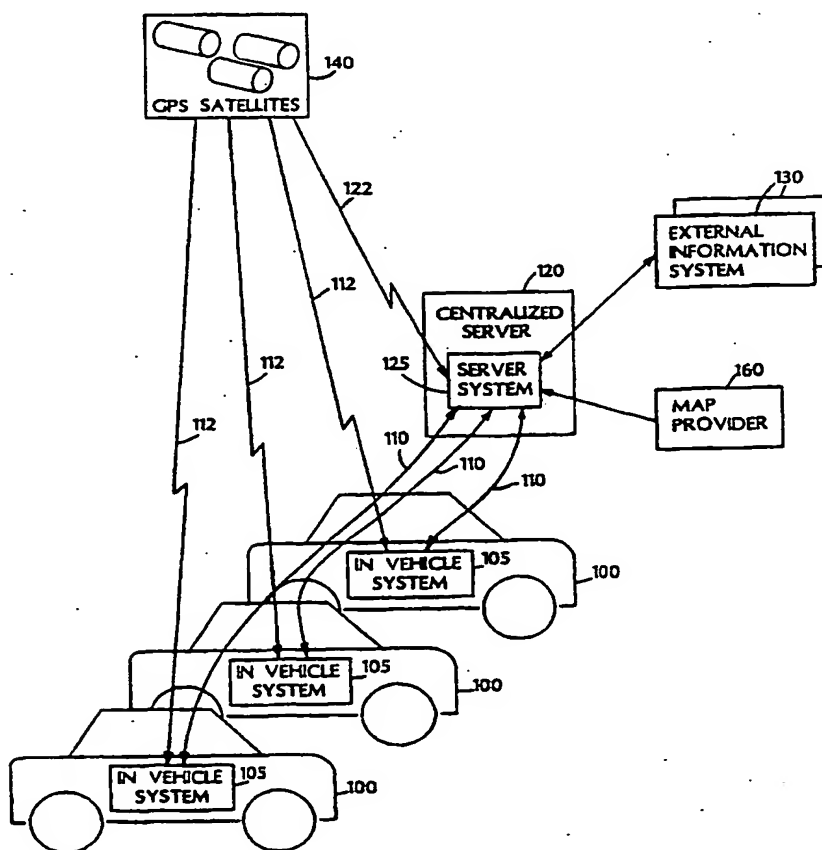
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(57) Abstract

A vehicle information system which includes an in-vehicle system (105) and a centralized server system (120). The in-vehicle system communicates with the server system using a wireless communication link (110), such as over a cellular telephone system. A position system, such as a set of GPS satellites (140), provides positioning signals that are used by the in-vehicle systems, and optionally by the centralized server system to increase the accuracy of position estimates. In one version of the system, an operator specifies a destination to an in-vehicle system which validates the destination. The in-vehicle system transmits specification of the destination to a server system (125) at the centralized server. The server system computes a route to the destination and transmits the computed route to the in-vehicle system. The in-vehicle system guides the operator along the route. If the in-vehicle system detects that the vehicle has deviated from the planned route, it replans a new route to the destination using an in-vehicle map database.



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1. Claims: 1-8,10

Vehicle information system in which a server provides a vehicle with information upon its request for guidance.

2. Claims: 11-14,16-19,21,34

Method and system for tracking a vehicle using positioning system signals.

3. Claims: 22-24,26-28,35-37

Method and system for detecting that a vehicle has deviated from a planned route.

4. Claims: 29-33

Method and system for validating a location specification using an in-vehicle map database.

5. Claim : 39

Autonomous re-planning upon deviation from a planned route.

6. Claims: 40-47

Method for collecting traffic information in which vehicles transmit logged data to a server.

7. Claims: 48-52

Category-based method for specifying a destination to a vehicle navigation system.

8. Claims: 53-55

Method for vehicle navigation in which an in-vehicle map database includes a subset of the data comprised in a server map database.

9. Claims: 56-58

Structure of an in-vehicle map database and method of accessing the information contained therein.

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10. Claims: 59,60

Method for transmitting a route to a vehicle navigation system.

11. Claim : 61

Vehicle navigation system using server route planning and dead reckoning.

12. Claims: 62-65

Method for updating an in-vehicle information system using an information version number.

13. Claim : 66

Vehicle information server system coupled to an external information system.

14. Claims: 67-71

Method for providing traffic related information to a user.

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